

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2082 - SB 2033**

February 17, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds definitions and clarifying language to the Tennessee Public Records Act, which is codified in Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503. Requires the Office of Open Records Counsel to consult with the advisory committee on open government and develop a best practices model and public records policy.

Requires every governmental entity subject to the Tennessee Public Records Act to establish a written public records policy by January 1, 2017, that does not impose requirements on individuals requesting records that are more burdensome than state law. Requires public policy to include the process for making a request to inspect public records or receive copies of public records and a copy of any required request form; the process for responding to requests, including redaction practices; a statement of any fees charges for copies of public records and the procedures for billing and payment; and the name or title and the contact information of the individuals within such governmental entity designated as the public records request coordinator.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The Office of Open Records Counsel will develop a model public records policy within existing resources without an increase in personnel.
- Governmental entities subject to the Tennessee Public Records Act will establish a written policy by January 1, 2017, within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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